



Economical/Environmental Dispatch of Combined Heat and Power Microgrid with Integration of Renewable Energy and Solar Air Heater

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ABSTRACT

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The demand for electric and heat energy has risen significantly in recent years. Consequently, renewable energy (RE) resources in both systems are increasingly regarded by researchers as vital solutions to rising loads. Optimal microgrid (MG) planning for combined electric and heat loads enhances operational efficiency and reduces emissions. This paper presents an optimal operation framework for a combined heat and power (CHP) smart distribution grid, incorporating RE and solar air heaters (SAH). Initially, an SAH is designed and implemented, followed by various approaches and experiments aimed at enhancing its performance. The integration of SAHs with the proposed system facilitates an analysis of their effects on system operation. The optimization problem is framed as a unit commitment multi-objective mixed nonlinear program (UCMOMNLP), wherein greenhouse gas emissions are monetized to streamline the multi-objective optimization into a singular objective. Furthermore, numerous realistic constraints are integrated to align the approach with practical scenarios. Results indicate a 12.58% reduction in total cost with SAH utilization.

1. INTRODUCTION

With the development of civilization, the demand for energy increases sharply. However, 81% of the energy is supplied by generation sources driven by fossil fuels. These energy resources emit greenhouse gases, which damage the environment and cause global warming. It is important to reach the carbonian neutrality by 2050 in line with the Paris Protocol to limit the emission of greenhouse gases [1]. Buildings are one of the most energy-consuming sectors, as they consume about 40% of the total global energy consumption and contribute about 28% of emissions. Therefore, it is necessary to shift towards the use of renewable energy (RE) sources as an alternative, environmentally friendly energy source to confront climate change and the sustainability of available energy resources [2-7].

In traditional energy grids, the transmission of energy from power plants to the far loads increases energy losses. The wide integration of RE with the power grids increases the complexity of the operation of the grid [5]. Recently, energy sources are installed close to the end user consumer to minimize the losses and energy waste. Microgrid (MG) is the connection of these energy resources close to the end users [8-14]. MG is a low-voltage distribution network that has independent control and can be operated either in separate (island) mode or connected mode with the grid. The MG has many energy sources, including distributed generation (DG), microturbine (MT), and RE, and has energy storage systems (ESSs) in order to achieve optimal use of resources to ensure supplying the load [15]. The MG system is flexible and

efficient as it is able to manage energy production according to demand response, unlike conventional systems that may waste half of the energy produced [5]. Exacerbating the problem is the integration of RE sources with the grid due to the stochastic nature of RE and the uncertainty of load demand. Additionally, peak times for energy production from renewable sources occur during periods of low load demand, that affecting the stability of the grid [16]. Currently, the MG supplies both electric and heat loads simultaneously in one entire framework, which is called a combined heat and power microgrid (CHP-MG). contain solar collectors as solar air heaters (SAH) that provide heat to achieve the maximum benefit from the energy coming from the sun [17]. Additionally, the wasted heat which was released when producing electricity can be recovered and reused in utilized benefit heat applications within the system of heating and other applications [18-23].

In order to minimize operation costs and emissions of green gas at produce power while enhancing the reliability and stability of grids, the literature discusses various methods to improve the operation of CHP-MG, multi optimizations approaches used as unit commitment (UC), Heuristic algorithm, genetic algorithm (GA), particle swarm optimization (PSO), and other approaches [24].

Pashaei-Didani et al. [25] modeled an MG system with base CHP, power sources, FC, and storage systems connected to the grid, to minimize cost and emissions by scheduling a demand response program (DRP) with multi-objective Pareto solutions by using the compromising programming approach; then, the optimal solution is chosen by implementing the fuzzy

satisfying approach. This approach reduced the set of effective solutions. The use of DRP reduced cost and emissions by 2.8% and 126 kg. In the previous study, distributed energy resources (DERs) and ESSs were used to share the required electricity demand from controllable and uncontrollable loads in short-term scheduling of thermal and electrical grids [26]. As for the authors of study [16], they integrated solar and wind energy sources while prioritizing renewable energy; the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm was used to improve consumption, saving 283.91 MW. According to the demand response with the environmental constraint method, the fuzzy satisfaction approach was used to choose the best compromise solution that was the least cost and the effect of the time DRP on MG in scheduling time demand response, which cost \$3652 and emitted 53150.16 tons/day. In the same construction system, previous literature [27] used the multi-objective bacterial colony chemotaxis (MOBCC) algorithm with the Order of Preference by Similarity to the Ideal Solution (TOPSIS) method to choose the final decision solution [28]. Use District Heating Network (DHN) with CHP and buffer tank storage for extra flexibility, as it is able to adjust its electrical power production very quickly, while meeting the heat demand.

In this study, an energy management system of a CHP-MG with integration of renewable sources and SAHs to meet electrical and thermal loads is proposed. The CHP grid contains fuel cells (FCs), MTs, diesel generators (DG), wind turbine (WT), photovoltaic panels (PV), and electrical ESS. Meanwhile, the heat demand is met from the MTs heat recovery (HR) system, gas boiler, the electric heater (EH), and the heat storage system (HSS). Besides, the SAH, which was practically implemented in a previous study [29] and tested, has different designs to determine which design has the lowest operational cost of the system, supplies heat loads. The system was also connected to the public utility grid, where the system can trade heat and electric energy with the utility grid. The proposed problem is formulated as Unit commitment Mixed-Integer Non-Linear Programming (UCMINLP) hourly, employed GAMS software to solve the optimization, also modeling the interaction between the electrical and heat systems. Consider the operational cost of the electrical and heat systems of the network, and the objectives function of multi-objective converted to improving the single objective by considering the costs of the CO₂, SO₂, NO_x and particulate matter (PM) to the monetary concept.

2. EXPERIMENTAL WORK

In this study, a SAH is utilized to convert solar energy into useful heat energy. The SAH is designed as perforated V-shaped barriers with different hole geometries, where it is tested experimentally [29]. Figure 1 shows the components of the SAH rig. Six scenarios are conducted experimentally in November in Baghdad. The average daily ambient air temperature during November was about 18 °C, the average solar radiation for the same period was about 765 W/m², and the average wind speed was about 1.2 m/s. The SAH consists of a rectangular duct that has dimensions of 1.5 m length, 0.5 m width, and 0.05 m height and is made from a wooden frame. The duct is covered topside by transparent glass. The absorbent plate is made of aluminum due to its high thermal convection coefficient of 871 J/Kg*K [30]. The dimensions of

the absorber are 1.5 m, 0.5 m, and 0.003 m. It is coated with matte black paint, which is used to enhance heat absorption and improve heat transfer. The perforated barriers with various geometric designs are installed to investigate their effect on thermal and hydraulic performance. A blower is utilized to force air flow. The temperature is measured hourly by K-type thermocouples, which are fixed inside the duct and connected to an Arduino. The flow speed inside the duct is measured by an anemometer, while a digital manometer is employed to measure the pressure difference between the inlet and outlet of the duct. A solar meter is used to measure the value of solar radiation. The experiments are carried out, where six scenarios are considered to measure the improvement in the thermal performance of the SAH. These scenarios test the SAH with different geometries of perforated baffles inside the SAH duct, as shown in Figure 2, which shows the dimensions of each case. In this study, the SAH parameters are chosen depending on the previous studies [30-33]. The relative Roughness Pitch (p/e) is 3.5 and relative blockage height (e/H) is 1, the duct width to height ratio (W/H) is 10, and the angle of attack (α) is 60°. The scenarios of different barriers, which are shown in Figure 2, are:

- Scenario 1: without using SAH.
- Scenario 2: Used SAH 1 has a smooth absorbent plate as the reference case.
- Scenario 3: Used SAH 2 has V-dawn perforated baffles on an absorbent plate with circular holes.
- Scenario 4: Used SAH 3 has V-dawn perforated baffles on an absorbent plate with hexagonal holes.
- Scenario 5: Used SAH 4 has V-dawn perforated baffles on an absorbent plate with square holes.
- Scenario 6: Used SAH 5 has V-dawn perforated baffles on an absorbent plate with rectangular holes.
- Scenario 7: Used SAH 6 has V-dawn perforated baffles on an absorbent plate with triangular holes.

The heat transfer rate for SAH H_{SAH}^t in (KW) can be expressed by [33-36]:

$$H_{SAH}^t = \dot{m} * C_p * (T_o - T_i) \quad (1)$$

where, $\dot{m}$ is mass flow rate in SAH duct in (Kg/s), C_p is Air specific heat in KJ/Kg*K and T_o, T_i are average air outlet and inlet temperatures in C°. In this study, the values of H_{SAH}^t are measured experimentally and listed in Table 2.



Figure 1. Experimental test for solar air heaters (SAH)

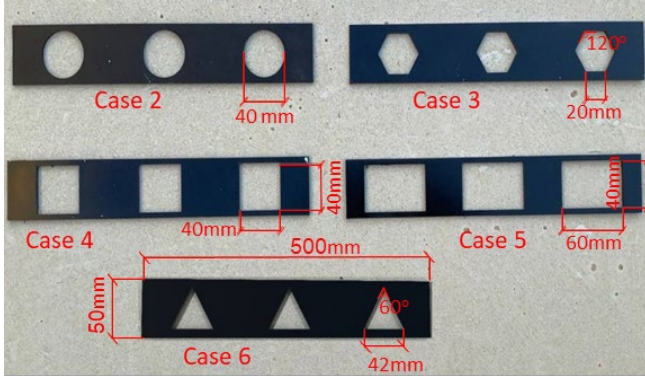


Figure 2. Photo for cases barriers

3. COMBINED HEAT AND POWER-MICROGRID MODELLING

The structure of the proposed Smart MG based on CHP consists of MT, diesel generation DG, WT, photovoltaic panel PV, FC, and ESS, which is charged during off-peak time when the electrical price is lower and discharged to the system during peak hours. The CHP system also has an electrical heater EH, boiler heater, SAH, HSS to store heat, and HR to exploit heat from MT. In addition, the electrical power can be exchanged with the utility grid, and the heat system is connected with the district heating grid to share energy with the grid, to achieve the best performance operation. The proposed system is shown in Figure 3. The system modeling in this study was based on the literature.

3.1 Microturbines model

In this study, the mt is driven by natural gas to generate electricity. The mathematical relationship between electricity power generation and natural gas consumption in MT can be modeled by the linear equation [27, 37, 38]:

$$C_{MT}^t = \frac{P_{MT}^t}{LCV * \eta_{MT}} * \lambda_g \quad (2)$$

where, C_{MT} the cost of fuel consumption by used MT in (\$), LCV is the low heating value of natural gas (kWh/m³), λ_g is the price of natural gas (\$/m³), P_{MT}^t the output electrical power from MT at each time in kWh, and η_{MT} it is efficiency of MT can be calculated by used [27]:

$$\eta_{MT} = 0.0753 \left(\frac{P_{MT}^t}{65} \right)^3 - 0.3095 \left(\frac{P_{MT}^t}{65} \right)^2 + 0.1074 \left(\frac{P_{MT}^t}{65} \right) + 0.1068 \quad (3)$$

The start-up cost SUC_{MT} and shut-down cost SDC_{MT} in (\$) can be determined by:

$$SUC_{MT}^t = Sc_{MT}(U_{MT}^t - U_{MT}^{t-1} * U_{MT}^{t-1}) \quad (4)$$

$$SDC_{MT}^t = Sd_{MT}(U_{MT}^{t-1} - U_{MT}^t * U_{MT}^{t-1}) \quad (5)$$

The maintenance cost of MT $C_{om.MT}$ based on the maintenance cost rate coefficient $K_{om.MT}$ in (\$/kWh) is calculated as in [37].

$$C_{om.MT}^t = P_{MT}^t * K_{om.MT} \quad (6)$$

3.2 Heat recovery model

The heat from the MT can be recovered using HR, where this heat can be expressed by the following equation H_{MT}^t in (kW) by [39]:

$$H_{MT}^t = \frac{P_{MT}^t (1 - \eta_{MT} - \eta_l) \eta_{HR}}{\eta_{MT}} \quad (7)$$

where, η_l is the heat loss factor, η_{HR} is the efficiency of HR.

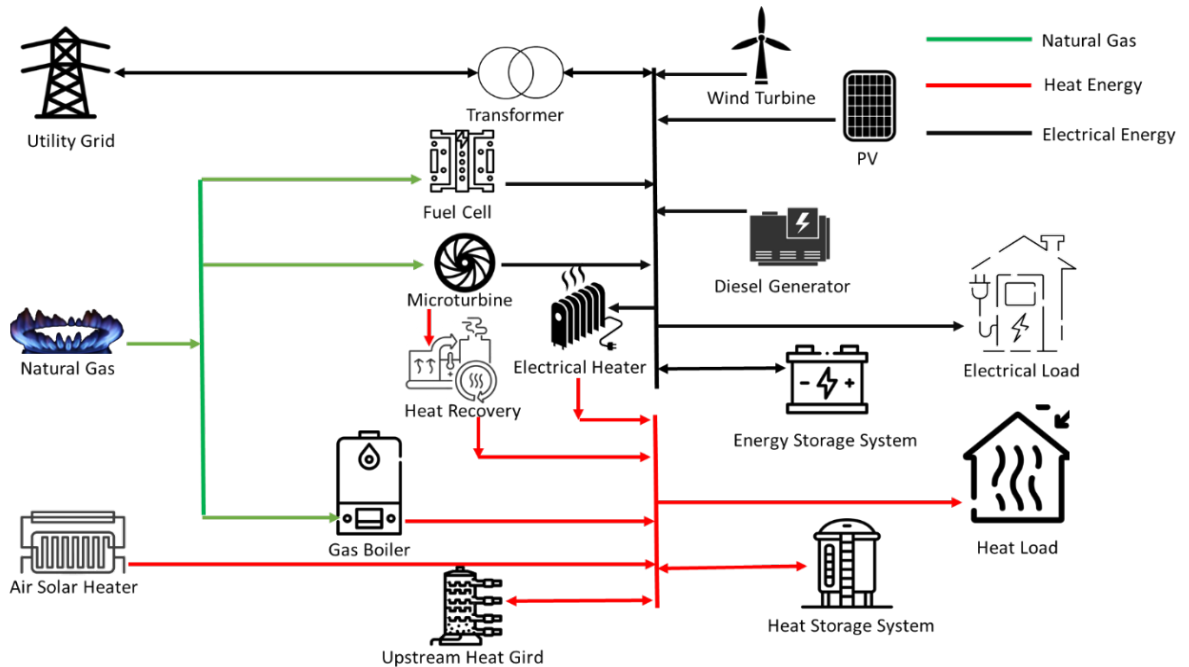


Figure 3. Schematic diagram of combined heat and power microgrid (CHP-MG) and energy flow

3.3 Fuel cell model

The proton membrane FC is used to convert chemical energy stored in the gas into electrical energy. The C_{FC} is the cost of fuel consumption by the used FC in (\$), P_{FC}^t the output electrical power from FC at each time in (kWh), and η_{FC} it is the efficiency of FC; the fuel consumption can be modeled by the linear equation [27, 37]:

$$C_{FC}^t = \frac{P_{FC}^t}{LCV * \eta_{FC}} * \lambda_g \quad (8)$$

The start-up cost SUC_{FC} and shut-down cost SDC_{FC} in (\$) can be calculated by [35, 38].

$$SUC_{FC}^t = Sc_{FC}(U_{FC}^t - U_{FC}^t * U_{FC}^{t-1}) \quad (9)$$

$$SDC_{FC}^t = Sd_{FC}(U_{FC}^{t-1} - U_{FC}^t * U_{FC}^{t-1}) \quad (10)$$

The maintenance cost of MT $C_{om.FC}$ based on the maintenance cost rate coefficient $K_{om.FC}$ in (\$/kWh) is calculated by the following equation [36]:

$$C_{om.FC}^t = P_{FC}^t * K_{om.FC} \quad (11)$$

3.4 Diesel generator model

The DG is an internal combustion engine which is driven by diesel fuel. The C_{DG} the cost of fuel consumption by the used DG in (\$), P_{DG}^t the output electrical power from FC at each time in (kWh), and η_{DG} it is the efficiency of DG; the fuel consumption can be modeled by the linear equation [37-41]:

$$C_{DG}^t = a P_{DG}^t{}^2 + b P_{DG}^t + c \quad (12)$$

where, a,b,c are cost coefficients of DG in (\$/kW²h), (\$/kWh), (\$/h), respectively. The start-up cost SUC_{DG} and shut-down cost SDC_{DG} in (\$) can be determined by [36-40].

$$SUC_{DG}^t = Sc_{DG}(U_{DG}^t - U_{DG}^t * U_{DG}^{t-1}) \quad (13)$$

$$SDU_{DG}^t = Sd_{DG}(U_{DG}^{t-1} - U_{DG}^t * U_{DG}^{t-1}) \quad (14)$$

The maintenance cost of DG $C_{om.FC}$ based on the maintenance cost rate coefficient $K_{om.DG}$ in (\$/kWh) [41].

$$C_{om.DG}^t = P_{DG}^t * K_{om.DG} \quad (15)$$

3.5 Wind turbine model

The power produced from the WT P_{WT}^t in (kW) depends on the wind speed, and it can be calculated from the following equation [15, 16]:

$$P_{WT}^t = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq v_t < v_{in} \text{ or } v_t > v_{out} \\ \frac{P_{WT}^R}{v_R^3 - v_{in}^3} v_t^3 - \frac{v_{in}^3}{v_R^3 - v_{in}^3} P_{WT}^R & v_{in} \leq v_t \leq v_R \\ P_{WT}^R & v_R < v_t \leq v_{out} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

where, P_{WT}^R is the rated output power from WT in (kW), v_t is the wind speed in (m/s), v_R is the rated wind speed of the WT, and v_{in} , v_{out} are cut in wind speed and cut out wind speed, respectively.

3.6 Photovoltaic panel model

The PV is utilized to take advantage of solar energy by converting solar radiation into electric power P_{PV}^t in (kW), it depends on solar radiation I in kW/m². The total electrical power produced from PV P_{PV}^t can be expressed by [15-17, 42]:

$$P_{PV}^t = I^t * Area_{PV} * \eta_{PV} * number\ of\ PV \quad (17)$$

3.7 Solar air heater model

The SAH converts solar energy into useful heat energy. The heat transfer rate for SAH H_{SAH}^t in (kW) can be expressed as Eq. (1).

3.8 Electrical heater model

The EH provides heat to supply heat load demand by converting electrical power to heat energy, where the output heat energy can be expressed H_{EH}^t in (kW) by the following equation [35-37]:

$$H_{EH}^t = P_{EH}^t * \eta_{EH} \quad (18)$$

where, P_{EH}^t is the electrical power consumed to produce heat by EH, and η_{EH} is the efficiency of EH, and the maintenance cost of EH $C_{om.EH}$ based on the maintenance cost rate coefficient $K_{om.EH}$ in (\$/kWh) [36-38].

$$C_{om.EH}^t = H_{EH}^t * K_{om.EH} \quad (19)$$

3.9 Gas boiler model

The GB generates heat by consuming natural gas. The cost of natural gas consumption in the GB to produce heat C_{MT} in (\$) can be determined by the following formula [26].

$$C_{GB}^t = \frac{H_{GB}^t}{LCV * \eta_{GB}} * p_g \quad (20)$$

The maintenance cost of MT $C_{om.MT}$ based on the maintenance cost rate coefficient $K_{om.MT}$ in (\$/kWh) [36].

$$C_{om.GB}^t = H_{GB}^t * K_{om.GB} \quad (21)$$

3.10 Energy storage system model

ESS or Battery storage is used to store electrical power at times when energy is abundant, available, or cheap and store it for later use when energy is not available. It is useful in shifting energy from peak production times to peak consumption demand times, which increases the reliability and stability of the grid. The state of charge for the battery SOC_b^t in (kWh) can be expressed by [11, 26, 27]:

$$SOC_b^t = SOC_b^{t-1} - \frac{P_{b.dis}^t}{\eta_{b.dis}} + P_{b.ch}^t \eta_{b.ch} \quad (22)$$

where, $P_{b.ch}^t$, $P_{b.dis}^t$ are the charging and discharging power of the battery in kWh, and η_{ch} , η_{dis} are the charging and discharging battery efficiency. The exchanged ESS power in kWh can be expressed by [35]:

$$P_b^t = P_{b.dis}^t - P_{b.ch}^t \quad (23)$$

The P_b^t it (+) at the discharge state where the ESS is purchasing to microgrid, and (-) at the charging state where the battery consumes power. The cost of ESS during battery operation C_b^t in \$ depends on the battery charge discharge prince λ_b in (\$/kWh) is [38]:

$$C_b^t = P_b^t * \lambda_b \quad (24)$$

3.11 Heat storage system model

HSS, or a heat storage tank, stores heat. There are many ways to store heat, including the use of PCM [43, 44]. HSS is used to store heat power at times when it is available and store it for later use when the heat source is not available. It is useful in shifting energy from peak production times to peak consumption demand times, which increases the reliability of the grid. The state of charge for the battery SOC_h^t in (kWh) can be expressed by [19, 25-39]:

$$SOC_{hs}^t = SOC_{hs}^{t-1} - \frac{H_{hs.dis}^t}{\eta_{hs.dis}} + H_{hs.ch}^t \eta_{hs.ch} \quad (25)$$

where, $H_{hs.ch}^t, H_{hs.dis}^t$ are the charging and discharging power HSS in kWh, and $\eta_{hs.ch}, \eta_{hs.dis}$ are the charging and discharging HSS efficiency. The exchanged HSS power in (kWh) can be expressed by [36]:

$$H_{hs}^t = H_{hs.dis}^t - H_{hs.ch}^t \quad (26)$$

The H_{hs}^t it (+) at the discharge state where the HSS purchasing to MG, and (-) at the charging state where HSS consumes power. The cost of HSS in the operation of the battery C_{hs}^t in (\$) depends on the HSS charge discharge prince λ_{hs} in (\$/kWh) is [37-39]:

$$C_{hs}^t = H_{hs}^t * \lambda_{hs} \quad (27)$$

3.12 Interacting power with the utility grid model

The proposed CHP system can exchange power with the utility grid to increase the reliability and stability of the grid as it shares energy with the grid according to the demand. It exports power when there is a surplus in electrical power production due to the availability of RE sources and imports power when electrical prices are low, and it is economical to import from the grid instead of operating production units or when there is a deficit in meeting demand [43]. The trading power P_{UG}^t in (kWh) with the utility grid can be expressed by [37]:

$$P_{UG}^t = P_{import}^t - P_{export}^t \quad (28)$$

where, P_{import}^t is import electrical power from grid in (kWh), and P_{export}^t is export electrical power to grid in (kWh), the P_{UG}^t t (+) at import purchasing state, and (-) at export selling. The power trading cost $C_{e.UG}^t$ in (\$) depends on the electrical prince λ_{elect}^t in (\$/kWh) is:

$$C_{e.UG}^t = P_{UG}^t * \lambda_{elect}^t \quad (29)$$

The constraint capacity of the interacting power it can be expressed by [11, 36]:

$$P_{import}^{min} U_{e.import}^t \leq P_{import}^t \leq P_{import}^{mas} U_{e.import}^t \quad (30)$$

$$P_{export}^{min} U_{e.export}^t \leq P_{export}^t \leq P_{export}^{mas} U_{e.export}^t \quad (31)$$

$$U_{e.import}^t + U_{e.export}^t \leq 1 \quad (32)$$

where, $P_{import}^{min}, P_{import}^{mas}$ limit power can be imported and $U_{e.import}^t$ electrical import on/ off state. And where $P_{export}^{min}, P_{export}^{mas}$ limit power can be exported and $U_{e.export}^t$ electrical export on/ off state.

3.13 Exchanging heat power with the upstream grid model

The CHP system can trade heat energy with the upstream gird or to increase the reliability gird as it shares heat energy with the gird according to the demand response, exports heat power when there is a surplus in heat power and import heat when heat prices are low and it is economical to import from the gird instead of operating production units or when there is a deficit in meeting demand [43]. The trading power H_{UG}^t in (kWh) with the utility grid can be expressed by [36, 37]:

$$H_{UG}^t = H_{import}^t - H_{export}^t \quad (33)$$

where, H_{import}^t is import heat power from the grid in (kWh) and H_{export}^t is the heat electrical power to grid in (kWh), the H_{UG}^t t (+) at import purchasing state, and (-) at export selling. The power heat trading cost $C_{h.UG}^t$ in (\$) depends on the electrical prince λ_{heat}^t in (\$/kWh) is [37]:

$$C_{h.UG}^t = H_{UG}^t * \lambda_{heat}^t \quad (34)$$

3.14 Emission cost model

GHG emissions such as CO₂, SO₂, NO_x, and PM are emitted during the energy production process. It is important to reduce these emissions to the minimum possible level. Therefore, the emitted gases are considered as a cost in the cost objective function according to the monetary concept. The total emission cost C_{Emi}^t in (\$) can be expressed by:

$$C_{Emi}^t = \sum_{i=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^j P_i^t C_j E_{i,j} \quad (35)$$

where, P_i^t (kWh) in is the generated power from DG, MT, and FC. The C_j in (\$/kg) is the expense of the emission price of j^{th} GHG. The $E_{i,j}$ in (kg/kWh) is the amount of emissions j^{th} GHGs from i^{th} generators [25].

4. OBJECTIVE FUNCTION COST MODEL

In this study, the multi objective optimization problem [44] is converted to a single objective that can be solved in one step by converting the emission of GHGs into a monetary concept. This function includes all the aforementioned costs as in the following equation.

$$CF = \min \sum_{t=1}^{24} [C_{MT}^t + C_{om.MT}^t + SUC_{MT}^t + SDC_{MT}^t + C_{FC}^t + SUC_{FC}^t + SDC_{FC}^t + C_{om.FC}^t + C_{DG}^t + SUC_{DG}^t + SDC_{DG}^t + C_{om.DG}^t + C_{GB}^t + C_{om.GB}^t + C_b^t + C_{hs}^t + C_{e.UG}^t + C_{h.UG}^t + C_{emi}^t] \quad (36)$$

5. CONSTRAINTS MODELING

The objective function is subject to the constraints that limit the operation of the energy resources. These constraints should be met at each time interval. These constraints are as follows:

5.1 Microturbines constraints

The capacity constraint of the MT can be expressed as follows [35-39]:

$$P_{MT}^{min} U_{MT}^t \leq P_{MT}^t \leq P_{MT}^{max} U_{MT}^t \quad (37)$$

where, P_{MT}^{min} , P_{MT}^{max} is the minimum and maximum power that can be produced by MT in (kW), and the U_{MT} on/off state of MT, and the ramp rate constraint for MT at each time interval should be the ramp-up limit UR_{MT} and ramp-down limit DR_{MT} in (kW) [12, 37].

$$P_{MT}^t - P_{MT}^{t-1} \leq UR_{MT} \quad (38)$$

$$P_{MT}^{t-1} - P_{MT}^t \leq DR_{MT} \quad (39)$$

5.2 Fuel cell constraints

The capacity constraint of the FC can be expressed as follows:

$$P_{FC}^{min} U_{FC}^t \leq P_{FC}^t \leq P_{FC}^{max} U_{FC}^t \quad (40)$$

where, P_{FC}^{min} , P_{FC}^{max} is the minimum and maximum power that can be produced by FC in (kW), and the U_{FC} on/off state of FC, and the ramp rate constraint for FC at each time interval should be the ramp-up limit UR_{FC} and ramp-down limit DR_{FC} in (kW) [13].

$$P_{FC}^t - P_{FC}^{t-1} \leq UR_{FC} \quad (41)$$

$$P_{FC}^{t-1} - P_{FC}^t \leq DR_{FC} \quad (42)$$

5.3 Diesel generator constraints

The capacity constraint of DE can be determined using the following equation:

$$P_{DG}^{min} U_{DG}^t \leq P_{DG}^t \leq P_{DG}^{max} U_{DG}^t \quad (43)$$

where, P_{DG}^{min} , P_{DG}^{max} is the minimum and maximum power that can be produced by DG in (kW), and the U_{DG} on/off state of DG, and the ramp rate constraint for FC at each time interval should be the ramp-up limit UR_{DG} and ramp-down limit DR_{DG} in (kW) [42, 45].

$$P_{DG}^t - P_{DG}^{t-1} \leq UR_{DG} \quad (44)$$

$$P_{DG}^{t-1} - P_{DG}^t \leq DR_{DG} \quad (45)$$

5.4 Electrical heater constraints

The constraint of the capacity of the EH can be determined using the following formula:

$$H_{EH}^{min} U_{EH}^t \leq H_{EH}^t \leq H_{EH}^{max} U_{EH}^t \quad (46)$$

where, H_{EH}^{min} , H_{EH}^{max} is the minimum and maximum power that can be produced by EH in (kW), and the U_{EH} on/off state of EH [38].

5.5 Gas boiler constraints

The constraint of the GB can be expressed by:

$$H_{GB}^{min} U_{GB}^t \leq H_{GB}^t \leq H_{GB}^{max} U_{GB}^t \quad (47)$$

where, H_{GB}^{min} , H_{GB}^{max} is the minimum and maximum power that can be produced by FC in (kW), and the U_{GB} on/off state of GB [35-38].

5.6 Energy storage system constraints

The constraint of the operation of the battery can be expressed as follows:

$$P_b^{min} \leq P_b^t \leq P_b^{max} \quad (48)$$

$$P_{b.ch}^{min} U_{b.ch}^t \leq P_{b.ch}^t \leq P_{b.ch}^{max} U_{b.ch}^t \quad (49)$$

$$P_{b.dis}^{min} U_{b.dis}^t \leq P_{b.dis}^t \leq P_{b.dis}^{max} U_{b.dis}^t \quad (50)$$

$$U_{b.dis}^t + U_{b.ch}^t \leq 1 \quad (51)$$

where, the $P_{b.ch}^{min}$, $P_{b.dis}^{min}$ are the minimum limit charge and discharge power battery in (kW), and P_b^{max} , P_b^{min} are limits of battery capacity, and $P_{b.ch}^{max}$, $P_{b.dis}^{max}$ are the maximum limit charge and discharge power battery in (kW), and where $U_{b.ch}^t$, $U_{b.dis}^t$ are on/ off state of charge and discharge [38-40].

5.7 Heat storage system constraints

The constraint of the operation of the heat storage can be determined using the expression below:

$$H_{hs}^{min} \leq H_{hs}^t \leq H_{hs}^{max} \quad (52)$$

$$H_{hs.ch}^{min} U_{hs.ch}^t \leq H_{hs.ch}^t \leq H_{hs.ch}^{max} U_{hs.ch}^t \quad (53)$$

$$H_{hs.dis}^{min} U_{hs.dis}^t \leq H_{hs.dis}^t \leq H_{hs.dis}^{max} U_{hs.dis}^t \quad (54)$$

$$U_{hs.dis}^t + U_{hs.ch}^t \leq 1 \quad (55)$$

where, the $H_{hs.ch}^{min}$, $H_{hs.dis}^{min}$ are the minimum limit charge and discharge power battery in (kW), and H_{hs}^{max} , H_{hs}^{min} are the limits of HSS capacity, and $H_{hs.ch}^{max}$, $H_{hs.dis}^{max}$ are the maximum limit charge and discharge power of HSS in (kW), and where $U_{hs.ch}^t$, $U_{hs.dis}^t$ are on/ off state of charge and discharge [36-38].

5.8 Heat power with the upstream grid constraints

The constraint capacity of the interacting heat power can be expressed as follows:

$$H_{import}^{min} U_{h.import}^t \leq H_{import}^t \leq H_{import}^{mas} U_{h.import}^t \quad (56)$$

$$H_{export}^{min} U_{h.export}^t \leq H_{export}^t \leq H_{export}^{mas} U_{h.export}^t \quad (57)$$

$$U_{h.import}^t + U_{h.export}^t \leq 1 \quad (58)$$

where, H_{import}^{min} , H_{import}^{mas} limit power can be imported and $U_{h.import}^t$ heat import on/ off state. And where H_{export}^{min} , H_{export}^{mas} limit power can be exported and $U_{h.export}^t$ heat export on/off state [35-37].

5.9 Power balance constraint model

In order to ensure the production of electrical and heat energies that covers the required electrical and heat demand loads for each period, this constraint should be considered:

$$P_{MT}^t + P_{FC}^t + P_{DG}^t + P_{PV}^t + P_{WT}^t + P_{b.dis}^t + P_{import}^t = P_{export}^t + P_{b.ch}^t + P_{EH}^t + L_{elctr}^t \quad (59)$$

where, L_{elctr}^t it is the electrical power demand load in (kWh).

$$H_{MT}^t + H_{GB}^t + P_{SAH}^t + H_{EH}^t + H_{b.dis}^t + H_{import}^t = H_{export}^t + H_{b.ch}^t + L_{heat}^t \quad (60)$$

where, L_{heat}^t it is heating power demand load in (kWh).

6. CASE STUDY

The proposed system under study, which is shown in Figure 3 consisting of electrical loads and thermal loads and contains FC, MT, and DG to cover electrical loads, and GB, EH, and HR systems from MT to cover thermal loads. Table 1 list the hourly values of the loads, price, RE generation, and heat from the SAH. It is considered that 100 SAH are exist. Seven scenarios are tested, where scenario 1 is without SAH, and scenarios 2–7 use SAH in various SAH types. The heat energy output from the SAHs is shown in Table 2. Thermal and electrical storage system characteristics are listed in Table 3, while the emission cost parameters are in Table 4. The technical parameters of conventional energy sources are as in Table 5. The minimum and maximum of exchanging electric and heat energies are 10 and 200 kWh, respectively. The efficiencies of electric and HSSs are considered 90%. While the minimum and maximum charging and discharging power are 90 kWh. The minimum and maximum state of charge for electric and HSSs are 90 and 300 kWh, respectively. The natural gas cost prince λ_g was 0.3 \$/m³, have LCV was 9.78 kWh/m³. This grid has 100 PVs, have efficiency η_{PV} 24%; PV area for each PV was 2.374 m². HR system efficiency η_{HR} was 75%, heat loss factor was η_l 20%.

Table 1. Hourly loads, prices, and renewable generation

Time (h)	L_{elctr}^t (kWh)	L_{heat}^t (kWh)	λ_{elect}^t (\$/kWh)	λ_{heat}^t (\$/kWh)	P_{WT}^t (kW)	I^t kW/m ²
t1	192	466.88	0.01	0.162	55	0
t2	177.6	481.82	0.018	0.1332	61	0
t3	132	489.29	0.02	0.1368	65	0
t4	122.4	481.82	0.018	0.1476	58	0
t5	117.6	489.29	0.025	0.1008	58	0
t6	110.4	451.94	0.045	0.054	24	0.100
t7	162	443.22	0.1	0.0432	40	0.200
t8	213.6	428.28	0.28	0.0972	34	0.600
t9	258	382.22	0.45	0.1152	40	0.655
t10	220.8	343.62	0.519	0.144	46	0.810
t11	295.2	336.15	0.4	0.1116	30	0.890
t12	368.4	290.09	0.25	0.09	31	0.950
t13	442.8	252.74	0.48	0.054	25	0.900
t14	421.2	217.88	0.3	0.054	25	0.780
t15	406.8	244.02	0.25	0.0792	36	0.630
t16	368.4	282.662	0.1	0.126	30	0.480
t17	327.6	367.28	0.035	0.1476	46	0.020
t18	339.6	428.28	0.045	0.1152	36	0
t19	361.2	520.41	0.08	0.1008	52	0
t20	420	573.95	0.12	0.0972	46	0
t21	405.6	559.01	0.025	0.1584	52	0
t22	421.2	555.27	0.015	0.1476	46	0
t23	375.6	539.09	0.012	0.108	46	0
t24	370.8	520.41	0.01	0.288	52	0

Table 2. Output heat power from solar air heater (SAH) cases in KW

	SAH 1	SAH 2	SAH 3	SAH 4	SAH 5	SAH 6
t1	0	0	0	0	0	0
t2	0	0	0	0	0	0
t3	0	0	0	0	0	0
t4	0	0	0	0	0	0
t5	0	0	0	0	0	0
t6	0.08	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
t7	0.1	0.13	0.27	0.29	0.173	0.3
t8	0.12	0.3	0.3	0.42	0.25	0.38
t9	0.13	0.44	0.4	0.49	0.47	0.48

t10	0.17	0.47	0.65	0.53	0.51	0.64
t11	0.27	0.58	0.67	0.6	0.59	0.65
t12	0.35	0.59	0.68	0.61	0.604	0.651
t13	0.34	0.6	0.66	0.6	0.58	0.647
t14	0.34	0.58	0.65	0.59	0.57	0.62
t15	0.32	0.5	0.62	0.56	0.54	0.58
t16	0.17	0.43	0.6	0.5	0.43	0.54
t17	0.1	0.15	0.5	0.45	0.23	0.52
t18	0.07	0.01	0.25	0.2	0.1	0.1
t19	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.08	0
t20	0	0	0	0	0	0
t21	0	0	0	0	0	0
t22	0	0	0	0	0	0
t23	0	0	0	0	0	0
t24	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3. Energy and heat storage system (HSS) parameters

Type	P_{ch}^{max} (kW)	P_{ch}^{min} (kW)	P_{dis}^{max} (kW)	P_{dis}^{min} (kW)	P^{max} (kW)	P^{min} (kW)	η_{ch}	η_{dis}	λ (\$/kWh)
ESS	90	5	90	5	300	90	0.9	0.9	0.06
HSS	90	5	90	5	300	90	0.9	0.9	0.0031

Table 4. Emission parameters

Source	E_{CO2} (kg/kWh)	E_{NOx} (kg/kWh)	E_{SO2} (kg/kWh)	E_{PM} (kg/kWh)
DG	0.848	0.0013	0.00125	0.00036
FC	0.489	0.00001	0.000003	0.000001
MT	0.725	0.0002	0.000004	0.000041
C_j (\$/kg)	0.02	5	6	25

Table 5. Conventional power and heat energy sources work by fuel burn parameters

Elect.	P_t^{min} kW	P_t^{max} kW	η_i	K_{omi} \$/kWh	Sci (\$)	Sdi (\$)	UR_i (kW)	DR_i (kW)	a \$/kW ² h	b \$/kWh	c (\$/h)
DG	20	200	-	0.01258	0.25	0.25	100	100	0.006	1	10
MT	20	200	0.3	0.026	0.1	0.1	100	100	-	-	-
FC	10	40	0.6	0.026	0.2	0.1	20	20	-	-	-
HEAT	H_t^{min} (kW)	H_t^{max} (kW)	η_i	K_{omi} \$/kWh	Sci (\$)	Sdi (\$)	UR_i (kW)	DR_i (kW)	a (\$/kW ² h)	b (\$/kWh)	c (\$/h)
GB	0	100	0.73	0.0027	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EH	0	500	0.8	0.002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

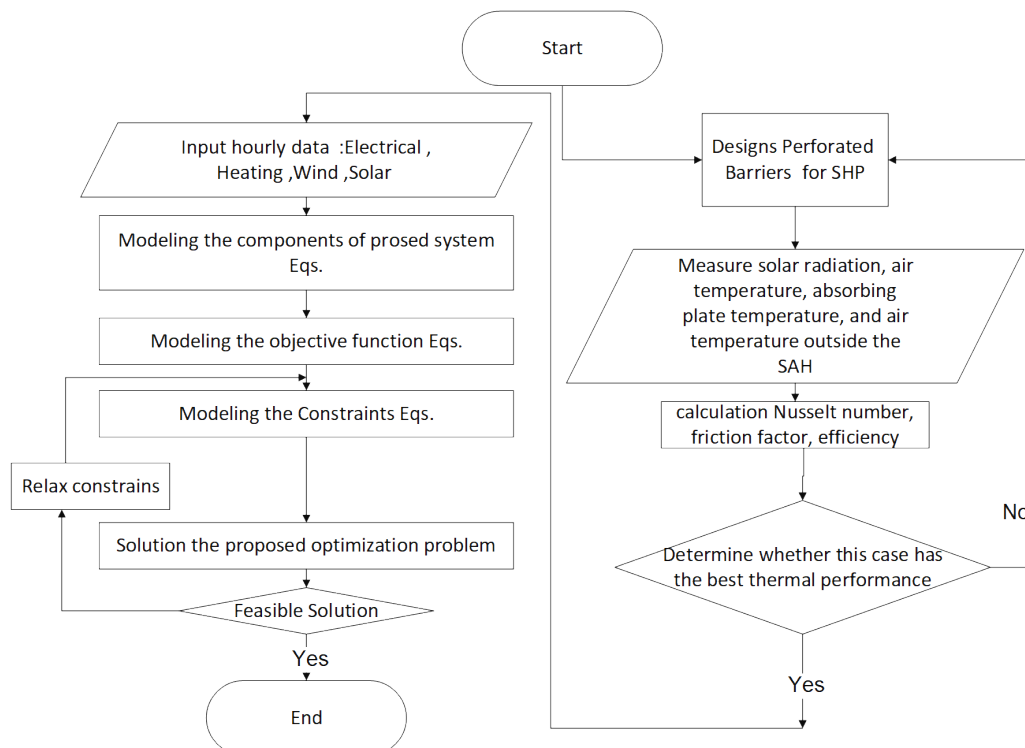


Figure 4. Flowchart of the formulation of and solution to the proposed optimization problem

7. SOLUTION OF THE PROPOSED MULTI OBJECTIVE PROBLEM

The formulation of the optimization problem is formulated as UCMOMINL, where the problem includes both continuous and integer variables. The emission level of the GHGs is converted to a monetary concept form and integrated with the objective function in one entire framework, and the problem is converted to a single function that can be solved directly in one step. General Algebraic Modelling System (GAMS) software is employed to formulate and model the proposed optimization problem. Gams is a highly mathematical modelling system for modelling and solving optimization problems. The MINLP solver with interfacing with Microsoft Excel is employed to solve the proposed optimization problem. The flowchart shown in Figure 4 shows the process that has been followed to formulate and solve the proposed approach.

8. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Seven scenarios of SAH improvement have been experimentally conducted. These scenarios were carried out during November in Baghdad. Six scenarios of SAH output heat energy are depicted in Figure 2, while scenario 1 is without SAH. The best scenario is scenario 4, where the total daily cost is 437.38\$, while it is 439.97\$ of scenario 7. The cost is 441.86\$ for scenario 5, and scenario 6 has a total cost 450.4\$. The total cost of scenario 3 is 454.54\$, while scenario 2 has a total cost 477.5\$. The worst scenario was scenario 1 have total cost 500.34\$. The use of SAH has reduced the operational cost, as it provides free heat in addition to increasing the diversity of sources, which enhances grid flexibility. Table 2 and Figure 5 show the hourly output heat energy of the SAH for the six scenarios, while Figure 6 depicts the hourly total cost of the six scenarios and Table 6 lists the hourly output energy of the seven scenarios. As the hourly electric and heat loads load in Figure 7. This is due to the

distinctive designs of the perforated, it had the best thermal performance for the case SAH 3, which has hexagonal holes, which increased air turbulence and raised the Nusselt number value without increasing the Fracture Factor significantly, and produced the highest heat power; for this it was the scenario 4 was the best cost.

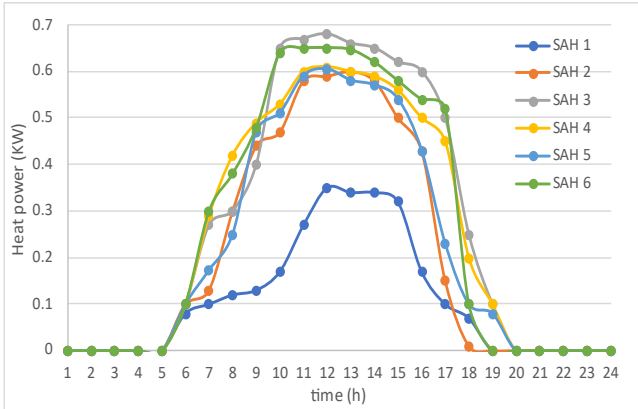


Figure 5. Output heat power by solar air heaters (SAH)

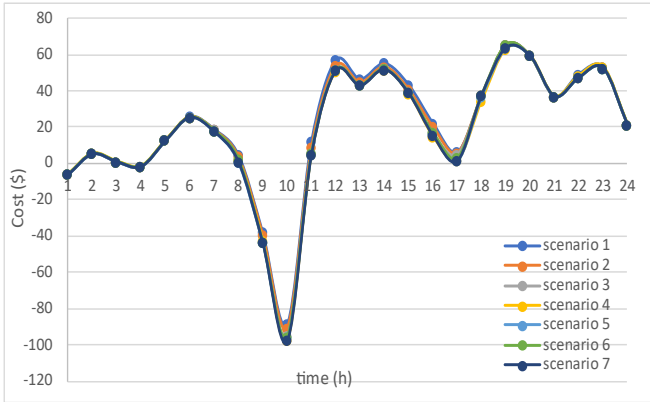


Figure 6. Hourly total cost for each scenario

Table 6. Hourly total cost for each scenario in (\$)

Time (h)	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 5	Scenario 6	Scenario 7
t1	-6.02559	-6.02559	-6.02559	-6.02559	-6.02559	-6.02559	-6.02559
t2	5.371149	5.371149	5.371149	5.371149	5.371149	5.371149	5.371149
t3	1.022277	1.022277	1.022277	1.022277	1.022277	1.022277	1.022277
t4	-1.56317	-1.56317	-1.56317	-1.56317	-1.56317	-1.56317	-1.56317
t5	12.63233	12.63233	12.63233	12.63233	12.63233	12.63233	12.63233
t6	25.9891	25.5571	25.4491	25.4491	25.4491	25.4491	25.4491
t7	18.98779	18.54059	18.40643	17.78034	17.6909	18.21413	17.64618
t8	4.783566	3.617166	1.867566	1.867566	0.701166	2.353566	1.089966
t9	-38.0461	-39.5437	-43.1149	-42.6541	-43.6909	-43.4605	-43.5757
t10	-88.422	-90.87	-95.19	-97.782	-96.054	-95.766	-97.638
t11	11.9096	8.896402	5.436802	4.432402	5.213602	5.325202	4.655602
t12	56.98502	53.83502	51.67502	50.86502	51.49502	51.54902	51.12602
t13	46.54342	44.64005	43.23605	42.91205	43.23605	43.34405	42.98225
t14	55.19085	53.35485	52.05885	51.68085	52.00485	52.11285	51.84285
t15	43.38071	40.84631	39.42071	38.47031	38.94551	39.10391	38.78711
t16	22.27928	20.13728	16.86128	14.71928	15.97928	16.86128	15.47528
t17	6.315512	5.866372	5.128372	1.516891	1.532391	3.011212	1.510691
t18	37.35406	37.52128	37.23886	34.47406	36.58828	37.74028	37.74028
t19	65.47691	65.47691	65.47691	63.06104	63.7098	65.50171	63.82153
t20	59.25296	59.25296	59.25296	59.25296	59.25296	59.25296	59.25296
t21	36.97853	36.97853	36.97853	36.97853	36.97853	36.97853	36.97853
t22	49.40867	47.77629	48.38181	48.38181	47.42516	47.42516	47.42516
t23	53.17577	52.81415	53.17577	53.17577	52.60445	52.60445	52.60445
t24	21.36524	21.36524	21.36524	21.36524	21.36524	21.36524	21.36524
total	500.345	477.499	454.542	437.384	441.864	450.403	439.976

Table 7. Hourly cost for scenarios 1 and 4 in (\$)

Time (h)	Electrical Cost	Scenario 1 Heat Cost	Emission Cost	Electrical Cost	Scenario 4 Heat Cost	Emission Cost
t1	20.187	-27.212	1	20.187	-27.212	1
t2	21.787	-17.416	1	21.787	-17.416	1
t3	22.187	-22.164	1	22.187	-22.164	1
t4	21.787	-24.350	1	21.787	-24.350	1
t5	23.187	-11.554	1	23.187	-11.554	1
t6	10.873	15.116	0	10.873	14.576	0
t7	5.347	12.641	1	5.347	11.433	1
t8	-8.297	12.081	1	-8.297	9.165	1
t9	-40.975	1.929	1	-40.975	-2.679	1
t10	-80.294	-9.128	1	-80.294	-18.488	1
t11	7.983	2.926	1	7.983	-4.551	1
t12	56.905	-0.920	1	56.905	-7.040	1
t13	41.117	4.426	1	41.117	0.795	1
t14	51.714	2.477	1	51.714	-1.033	1
t15	41.913	0.468	1	41.913	-4.443	1
t16	25.292	-4.013	1	25.292	-11.573	1
t17	25.187	-19.871	1	25.187	-24.670	1
t18	30.387	5.967	1	30.387	3.087	1
t19	39.587	24.890	1	37.259	24.802	1
t20	34.267	23.986	1	34.267	23.986	1
t21	23.187	12.792	1	23.187	12.792	1
t22	21.187	27.222	1	21.187	26.195	1
t23	25.987	26.189	1	25.987	26.189	1
t24	20.187	0.179	1	20.187	0.179	1
total	440.685	36.66	23	438.357	-23.973	23

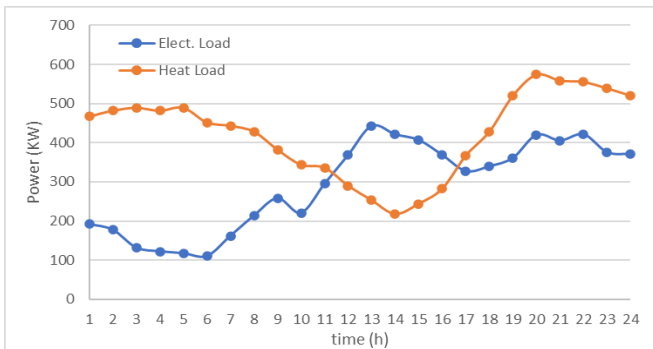


Figure 7. Hourly electric and heat loads

shown in Figures 8 and 9. Besides, the presence of the SAH reduces the heat cost very significantly, and there is surplus heat that is exported to the grid. This achieves a profit from heat sales, which leads to a reduction in the total system cost by 62.96\$ as shown in Tables 6 and 7.

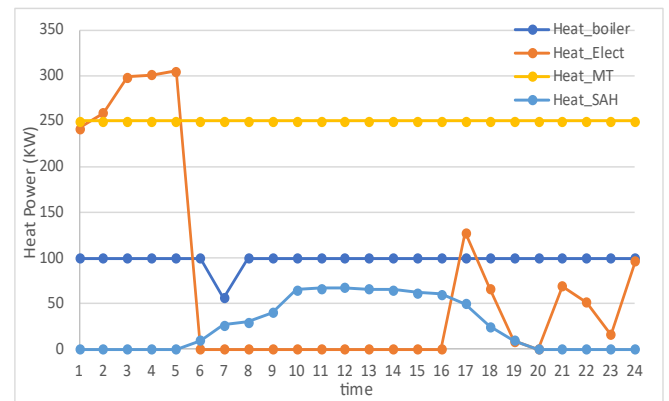


Figure 9. Optimal heat power schedule with heat Load scenario 4

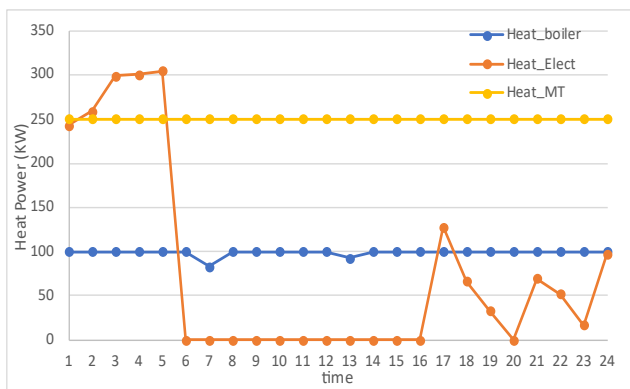


Figure 8. Optimal heat power schedule with heat load scenario 1

Comparing scenario 4, which is the best scenario, with scenario 1, which is the reference Scenario. It can be seen that the total cost reduces by 12.58% in the case of scenario 4. The optimal schedules of heat energy resources for both scenarios are close, with a slight difference at t19, where the EH output heat increases in scenario 1 to compensate for the heat loss, as

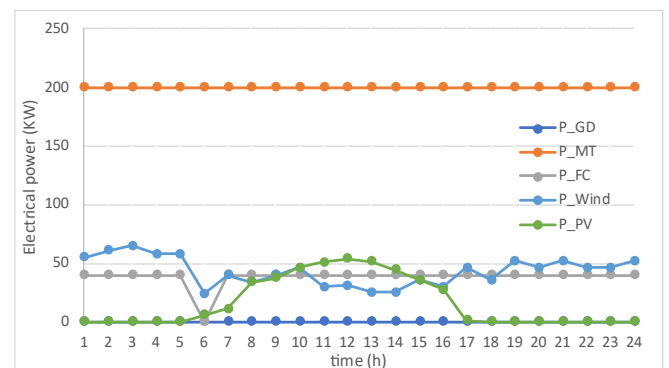


Figure 10. Optimal electrical power schedule of scenario 1

Figures 10 and 11 show the optimal production of electrical energy sources for scenarios 1 and 4. It can be seen that both schedules in both scenarios are close. DG is in the off state at all times due to its high operating cost, while the production of electrical energy from MT supplies the highest possible power due to its low cost and to supply heat to the heat grid in addition to supplying the electric load. The rest of the energy is supplied by the presence of renewable sources. In addition, it can be observed that the FC is turned off at t6 because the electric load has the lowest value at this hour and the price reaches a low value.

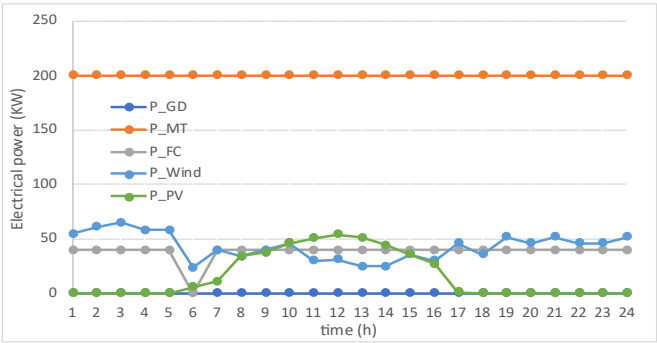


Figure 11. Optimal electrical power schedule of scenario 4

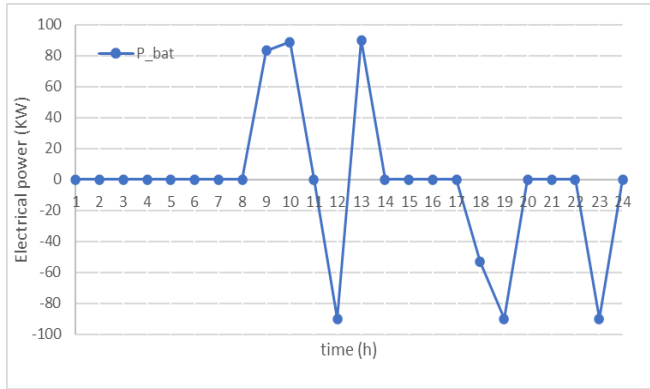


Figure 12. Optimal power schedule of energy storage system (ESS) scenario 1

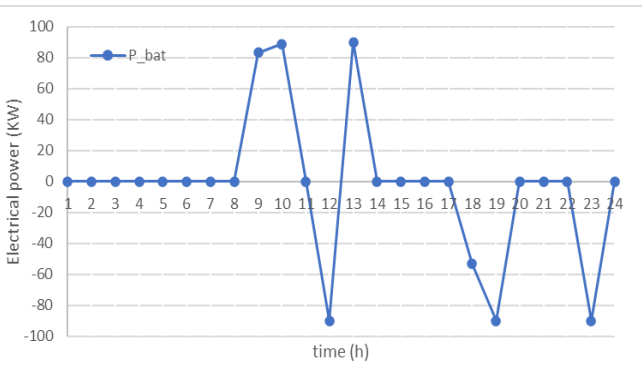


Figure 13. Optimal power schedule of energy storage system (ESS) scenario 4

The battery is discharged during t8, t9, and t13 to contribute to supplying the loads and to sell power to the grid because the electrical price has high values at these hours. The battery is charged at t12 because the renewable energies have the highest generation at this hour, where the battery stores this energy and

discharges it during high demand. The battery is also charged at t17 and t23 to its maximum state of charge because the price has low values and meets the constraints to fully charge the battery at the end of the scheduling day, as shown in Figures 12 and 13. During the day, electrical energy is imported and exported from the network, relying on the price difference to achieve maximum profit, as in Figures 14 and 15. In both scenarios, the amount of exchange is close, with slight differences as a result of the addition of SAH, which reduces the operation of the electric heater.

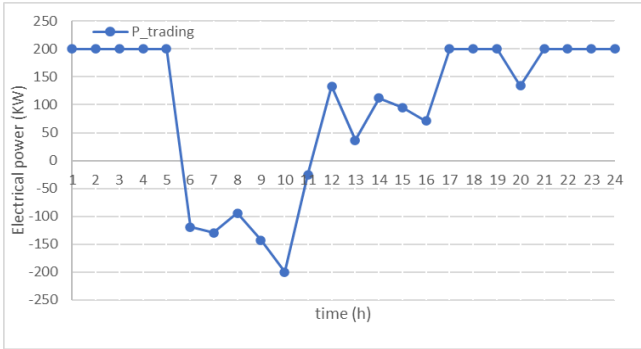


Figure 14. Optimal exchange power with the utility grid scenario 1

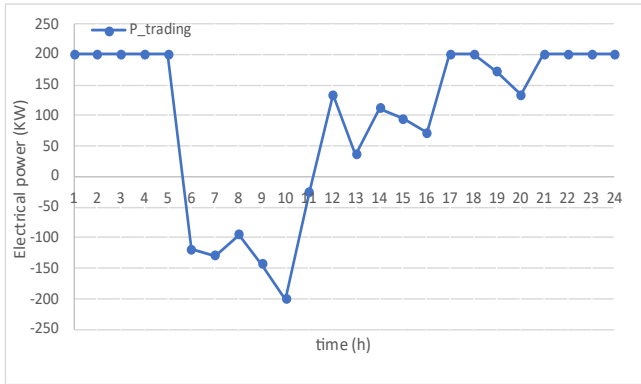


Figure 15. Optimal exchange power with the utility grid scenario 4

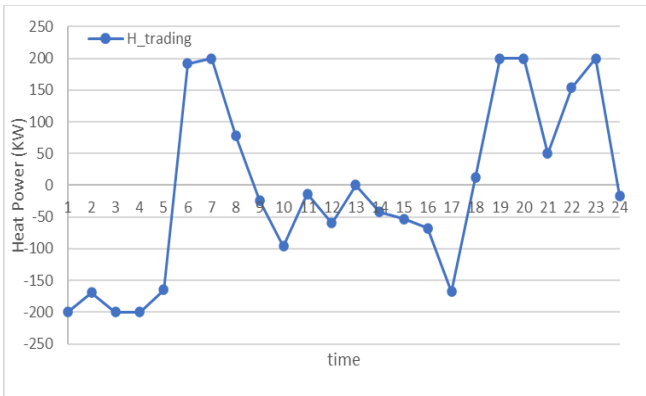


Figure 16. Heat power exchange with grid scenario 1

Similarly for the heat grid, the optimal schedule of heat energy sources is shown in Figures 8 and 9. The load is covered by recovering the waste heat from the MT, while the remaining load is covered by the GB, and during peak heat demand times during the period t1–t6, t16–t24, the EH will work to cover the remaining loads for scenario 1. When adding

SAH in scenario 4, it is more economical to export and sell this heat difference to the network instead of covering the loads and reducing the production of the remaining heat sources, because the heat price has high values during these hours, as shown in Figures 16 and 17. Besides, the thermal battery operates in both scenarios to balance the demand for heat and its production by storing heat during times of abundance until times when heat is not available, as shown in Figures 18 and 19.

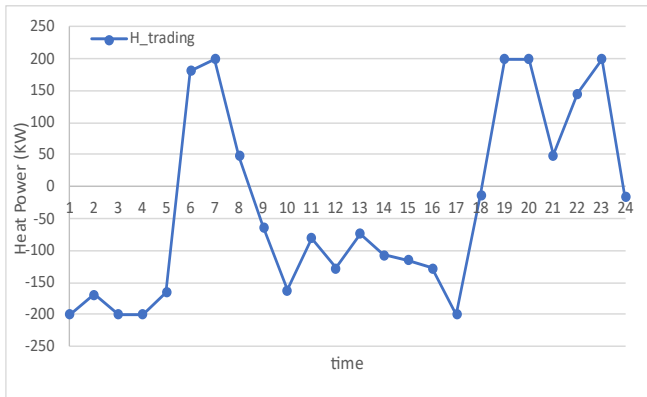


Figure 17. Heat power exchange with grid scenario 4

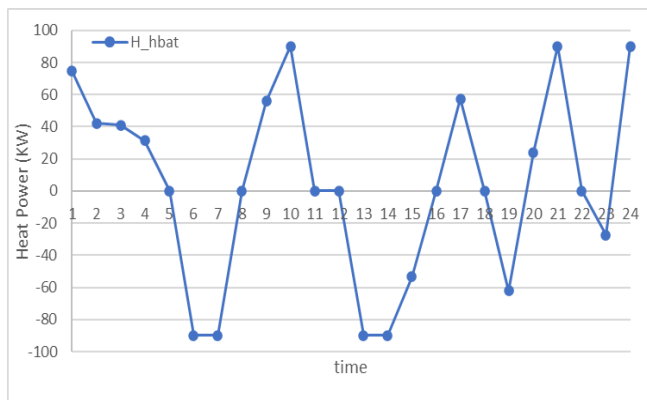


Figure 18. Optimal power schedule of heat storage system (HSS) scenario 1

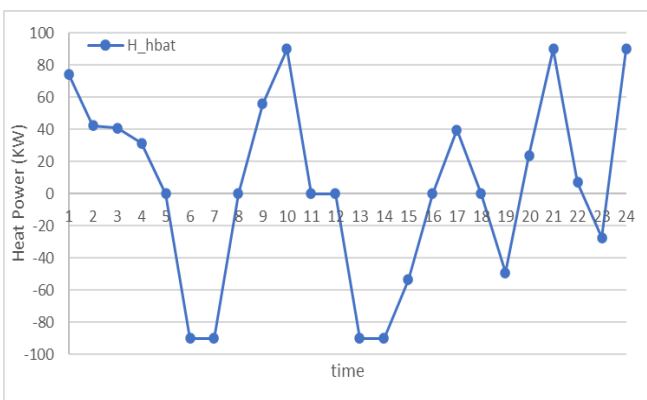


Figure 19. Optimal power schedule of heat storage system (HSS) scenario 4

9. CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents a new CHP optimization approach to

reduce total operational and emission cost by converting the multi-objective optimization function into a single objective by converting the emission into monetary form, and the problem can be solved directly in one step. The problem is formulated as UCMINLP where the UC strategy is considered and developed to accommodate both the electric. In addition, the SAH with novelty designs is implemented and experimentally tested, where the SAH is integrated with an optimization approach as an RE resource to supply the heat load and reduce the cost and emissions of greenhouse gases. The electric and heat systems interact with each other through converting electric and waste heat from the electric grid to heat energy. This interaction between the operation of these systems not only reduces the total cost but also reduces the emission of greenhouse gases and improves the total system efficiency. The results reveal that the integration of the SAHs with the system reduces the total cost significantly. It reduces the total cost by 12.58%, and 62.96\$ is saved per day. It can also be concluded that the electric and heat energy storage are planned to reduce the total operating and emission cost. In future work, more RE sources and testing the MG in the island mode will be added, as well as various weather conditions to discover how it will affect the operational cost of the MG.

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NOMENCLATURE

p^{max}	Maximum power can be generated, kW
p^{min}	Minimum power can be generated, kW
Sc	Price Startup cost, \$
Sd	Price Shutdown cost, \$
UR	Ramp up power, kW
DR	Ramp down power, kW
E_{CO2}	CO ₂ emission rate, kg/kWh
E_{NOx}	NO _x emission rate kg/kWh
E_{SO2}	SO ₂ emission rate, kg/kWh
E_{PM}	particle emission rate, kg/kWh
$K_{om.}$	maintenance cost rate coefficient, \$/kWh
η	Efficiency, %
H	Heat Power, kW
P	Product power, kW
C	Cost, \$
λ	Prince, \$/kWh or \$/m ²
U	On/ off state (1 or 0)
$C_{om.}$	Maintenance cost, \$
b.	Battery
g	Natural gas
a	cost coefficient in, \$/kW ² h
b	cost coefficient in, \$/kWh
c	cost coefficient in, \$/h
I^t	Solar radiation in, kW/m ²
t	Time period, h
SOC^t	State of Charge in, kWh
ch	Charging in, kWh
dic	Discharging, kWh
ESS	Energy Storage System
LCV	low heating value, kWh/m ³
MT	Microturbine
HR	heat recovery
WT	Wind Turbine
PV	Photovoltage Panel
SAH	Air Solar Heater
EH	Electrical Heater
HSS	Heat Storage System
MG	Microgrid
CHP	Compound Heat and Power
UC	Unit commitment
UG	Utility Grid
MINLP	Mixed-Integer Non-Linear Programming
GAMS	General Algebraic Modeling System